

**RESERVE COMPONENT MILITARY TECHNICIAN  
PLACEMENT PROGRAMS  
PROGRAMS C, D, AND K FACT SHEET<sup>1</sup>**

**General:** Military Reserve and National Guard technicians are registered in either the Air Force Status Quo Program (Program C), the Army Reserve Military Technician Program (Program D), or the National Guard Technician Program (Program K) based on their eligibility. Chapter 11 of the PPP Operations Manual contains specific information on registration in each of these programs.

**AIR FORCE (AF) STATUS QUO PROGRAM**

**Eligibility:** Air Force (AF) Status Quo employees (i.e., those who decline or are ineligible for ready Reserve membership in the position held) who occupy Air Reserve Technician (ART) positions may register. Also, AF employees scheduled to become Status Quo by reason of mandatory retirement may be registered up to 12 months prior to the mandatory retirement date. AF has designated Headquarters, AF Reserve as the registering activity (Code 394A) for Status Quo personnel occupying officer-level positions.

**Program Code:** “C”.

**Skills:** May register for up to 5 skills provided they are well qualified. If eligible to receive severance pay, will be registered in accordance with the mandatory registration provisions in Chapter 3 of PPP Operations Manual.

**High Grade:** May register no higher than current permanent grade.

**Low Grade:** May register for any grade for which qualified and available.

**Priority:** “2”, after all other Priority 2 referrals.

**Separation Date:** No date is entered on the registration, except for “key positions” and mandatory retirements identified in accordance with AF policy. For these, it is the appropriate separation date.

**Release Date:** No date is entered on the registration, except for “key positions” and mandatory retirements identified in accordance with AF regulations. For these, it is one year from the appropriate separation date.

**Area of Referral:** Limited to AF activities; see Chapter 11, Paragraph D.1.

**Offer Response Time:** Registrants must accept or decline offers within 2 calendar days.

**ARMY RESERVE (AR) MILITARY TECHNICIAN (MT) PROGRAM**

**Eligibility:** Current AR MTs initially employed after December 8, 1983, who are scheduled to be separated from their civilian positions as a result of loss of Selected Reserve membership through no fault of their own, as defined in AR 140-315 (reference (d)) may

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register. ARMTs scheduled for separation for military retirement may be registered up to 12 months prior to the mandatory retirement date.

**Program Code:** “D”.

**Skills:** May register for up to 5 skills provided they are well qualified. If eligible to receive severance pay, will be registered in accordance with the mandatory registration provisions in Chapter 3 of PPP Operations Manual.

**High Grade:** May register no higher than current permanent grade.

**Low Grade:** May register for any grade for which qualified and available.

**Priority:** “2”, after all other Priority 2 referrals.

**Separation Date:** The date of separation will be entered on the registration.

**Release Date:** One year from the separation/effective date will be entered on the registration.

**Area of Referral:** Limited to Army activities; see Chapter 11, Paragraph D.1.

**Offer Response Time:** Registrants must accept or decline offers within 2 calendar days.

### **NATIONAL GUARD TECHNICIAN (NGT) PROGRAM**

**Eligibility:** Reserve Component Military Technicians (RCMTs) eligible for competitive service positions under Section 544 of Pub. L. 102-484 as amended by Pub. L. 104-106 who lose their military membership through no fault of their own are eligible if they have completed at least 15 years of technician service and a minimum of 20 years of service creditable for non-regular military retirement. RCMTs may register upon receipt of a notice of proposed separation and up to one year after the separation date. National Guard Technicians (NGTs) who are being involuntarily separated, for reasons other than cause or disability, who are afforded competitive status for purposes of transferring to the competitive service by Pub. L. 99-586 are eligible. Eligible NGTs may register upon receipt of a notice of proposed separation.

**Program Code:** “K”.

**Skills:** May register for up to 5 skills provided they are well qualified. If eligible to receive severance pay, will be registered in accordance with the mandatory registration provisions in Chapter 3 of PPP Operations Manual.

**High Grade:** May register no higher than current permanent grade.

**Low Grade:** May register no more than 3 GS grades or equivalent below current grade.

**Priority:** “2”, after all other Priority 2 referrals.

**Separation Date:** The date of separation will be entered on the registration..

**Release Date:** For RCMTs the date is one year from separation date or 6 months from the registration date, whichever is later; for NGTs the date is one year from the separation/effective date.

**Area of Referral:** If eligible to receive severance pay, will be registered in accordance with the mandatory registration provisions in Chapter 3 of PPP Operations Manual; registrants are not limited to Component; see Chapter 11, Paragraph D.1.

**Offer Response Time:** Registrants must accept or decline offers from within 2 calendar.